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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: ALLIES INFORMED OF NATO ACTING SYG'S REPRESENTATIONS
TO TURKEY AND GREECE

REF: USNATO 4257

1. FOLLOWING REGULAR AUGUST 5 SPC MEETING ON MBFR, ASSISTANT
SYG KASTL RECONVENED THE COMMITTEE IN INFORMAL SESSION MINUS
GREEK AND TURKISH REPS TO DISCUSS RECENT CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS
(SEE REFTEL). KASTL REFERRED TO AUGUST 3 LETTER FROM GREEK
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AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS COPIES OF WHICH ALL DELEGATIONS HAD RECEIVED
AND SAID ACTING SYG PANSA, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS STAFF
AND CERTAIN DELEGATIONS, DECIDED TO DEFER ACTION ON THE LETTER
UNTIL TODAY, AUGUST 5. KASTL REPORTED THAT THIS MORNING PANSA

RECEIVED FROM THE UK AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS

WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT. (COMMENT: ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT EXISTENCE OF CYPRUS GROUP IS STILL CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL BY ITS MEMBERS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP ARE NOT REPORTED AS SUCH TO OTHER ALLIES. SYG AND ASYG, HOWEVER, DO SPEAK OF BRIEFINGS THEY RECEIVE FROM THE UK AS A GUARANTOR POWER AND FROM TIME TO TIME THEY DO MENTION CONSULTATIONS WITH "OTHER DELEGATIONS.") KASTL REPORTED PANSAL THEN HAD MEETING WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERALP AND, REFERRING TO THE GREEK CHARGES OF ATROCITIES, SAID THAT WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER TRUE OR FALSE ANKARA MUST REALIZE THAT THESE MATTERS WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF CEASE FIRE AND ON CONTINUATION OF GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, PANSAL ADDED THAT EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF THESE EXPULSIONS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INCREASE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH IN PANSAL'S OPINION OFFERS THE BEST POSSIBLE HOPE FOR RESOLUTION OF SO MANY BILATERAL AND ALLIANCE DIFFICULTIES. PANSAL REPORTEDLY ALSO DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO REPORTS OF A TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW WITH ECEVIT AND ASKED IF ANKARA COULD SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS MATTER.

2. PANSAL THEN SOUGHT MEETING WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS. HE INFORMED CHORAFAS OF THE DEMARCHE TO ERALP AND URGED RESTRAINT UPON ATHENS PARTICULARLY SO AS TO AVOID ANY BASIS FOR JUSTIFICATION OF A FURTHER ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE.

3. ACCORDING TO KASTL, IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON ERALP REPORTED ANKARA'S RESPONSE TO PANSAL. ALL THE GREEK ATROCITY CHARGES WERE LABELED AS "FABRICATIONS". REGARDING THE TIME MAGAZINE STORY THE ONLY RESPONSE WAS TO POINT OUT THAT THOSE GREEK OFFICERS WHO HAVE LEFT IZMIR WERE WITHDRAWN ON GREEK INITIATIVE, TURKEY NOT HAVING REQUESTED THEIR DEPARTURE.

4. KASTL CONCLUDED HIS BRIEFING SAYING THAT ON THE BASIS OF THESE EXCHANGES THE ACTING SYG REMAINED OF THE OPINION THAT A FORMAL NAC MEETING ON CYPRUS AT THIS TIME WAS NOT A "FRUITFUL" CONFIDENTIAL

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IDEA, AND THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THIS INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH ALLIES WOULD CONTINUE. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) SAID THAT WHILE HE DEFERRED TO JUDGEMENT OF ASYG ON PROPRIETY OF CALLING A COUNCIL MEETING, ALLIES SHOULD REMEMBER THAT NAC OFFERED NOT ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GREEK/TURKISH CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES BUT WAS ALSO A FORUM FOR ALLIES TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. CONSENSUS OF ALL OTHERS WHO SPOKE INCLUDING US, UK, FRENCH, FRG AND CANADIAN REPS WAS THAT COUNCIL ACTION WAS NOT APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME AND THAT PANSAL WAS DOING JUST THE RIGHT THING.
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